

(b) have the Government received representations about the matter from the public of Nedungad; if so, when were such representations received;

(c) have the Government got any estimate prepared for the construction of the bridge and if so, when was it;

(d) have the Government received any representation from the people undertaking to put up the bridge for an amount much less than the Government estimate;

(e) do the Government propose to take any action in the matter of supplying this urgent need?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, in 1102, 1103, 1104 and 1106.

(c) An estimate is being prepared.

(d) There was a petition suggesting a less costly timber-bridge. But this was found unsuitable.

(e) The matter is under consideration.

Depredation of wild animals.

138. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that during the months of Medam and Mithunam, cattle in the village of Puthuruthy in the Talappalli Taluk, were molested by the depredations of wild animals, such as tigers or leopards and some cattle killed;

(2) is it true that six or seven persons were injured on the 15th or 16th of Mithunam by a leopard prowling about the village in question;

(3) is there not provision in the Departmental budget (Land Revenue) for meeting the cost of measures to be taken for protection against wild animals;

(4) has any money been spent under this head in the year 1106 and if spent, when and where was it spent, and how was it spent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) Yes, in Mithunam.

(2) Three people were mauled by a tiger in Kottappuram Village, Talappalli Taluk.

(3) There is provision for payment of reward for the destruction of wild animals.

(4) There is a provision of Rs. 25 in the budget estimate of 1106. This has not yet been utilised as no application for reward has been received.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was there no depredation in Medam?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I have no information.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(3) Is that provision intended only for granting rewards and not for taking preventive measures?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is only for granting rewards.

Mapranam School.

139. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Naikkan students in the Mapranam School at the time when Krishna Naikkan was transferred there from Chengalur;

the number of Naikkan students in the school at present? (Please refer to Question No. 201 of the Kumbham Session of 1106).

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Nil.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This Krishnan Naikken was transferred from a school where there were 9 classes and only 5 teachers to a school where there were 9 classes and 11 teachers and for a special purpose. That was the answer given. May I know whether he served the purpose for which he was transferred?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is obvious from the answer that the purpose has not been served.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether any explanation was taken from him because it was done with a special purpose?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He was transferred not because of his request, but because of the request of the people of the locality and I do not know how this department can take any explanation from the people of the locality.

Foot-path—Kadamakkudi.

140. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they propose to take to redress the grievance of the people of Kadamakkudi island in the matter of a foot-path and other amenities referred to in their petition to the Diwan, dated 22nd Mithunam 1106?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter is being considered by the Government.